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Rear Admiral C. C. Hartman
DCNO (Admin) Op-02
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chick:

① By the time you receive this you should have our agreement with the High Commissioner, Trust Territory in hand for review and for approval by SECNAV. The two points of major difference are:

② (a) Money. The High Commission people either naively, or avariciously, expect to hold on to all funds which were budgeted for the support of the Saipan District for the entire year. For obvious reasons we think that the six months budget beginning January 1 to July 1, a matter of some \$400,000 should be turned over to the Navy.

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③ (b) Scrap Contract. HICOM would like to keep the contract as is and therefore latch on to any revenue which would accrue. However, they are agreeable that we administer the contract as long as they get some money out of it. We, on the other hand, want a clean break i. e., continue the terms of the contract and simply introduce the Navy as a third contracting party for the Saipan District or else draw up a separate contract between the Navy and the scrap contractor. Incidentally the contractor has advised us verbally that he would be happy under either of the latter arrangements.

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④ In connection with this scrap contract we hope that the proceeds from the contract can be channeled into a "kitty" for the support of the Saipan District rather than go back into the Treasury. Do you think this can be done?

Can't answer this until ③ is settled

⑤ Our most acute problem at present is the question of staffing the District with competent officers who are familiar with the intricacies of Island Government. Therefore I submit the following names for consideration by

you and BUPERS.

First: Commander J. W. Jockusch, Jr. I am sure you know Jockusch down in OP-06. He has an excellent background as a newspaper reporter, as a training officer at Farragut and other naval stations during the war, has wide acquaintanceship amongst newspapermen and in Congress, and was a tower of strength to me due to his profound knowledge of Reserve matters, including legislation. I have in mind that he would be an excellent assistant for Commander Findley here at Headquarters, and a possible relief for Findley at some time in the future. Incidentally Admiral Radford said that Findley was not going to be relieved by anybody as long as he was CINC, which shows you what we think of him here. In any case Findley must have an assistant and I consider that Jockusch is fitted in every way except experience in military government. He could acquire this in working as Findley's assistant. Please discuss this with Jockusch. — *Did. cut*

Next: Lieutenant Commander James B. Johnson, USNR, 96267. Johnson is the number 1 choice for the number 2 job on Saipan. Although I do not know the exact status of his present tour of duty in the Naval Control of Shipping Office in Boston, I believe that it will be up about 1 July, 1953. He has written indicating that he would very much like to get back in the Island Government business at Saipan. We would want him as soon as possible.

Lieutenant Commander Frank W. Avila, USNR, 1105/119660. Avila is currently on duty with the Military Aid & Assistance Group in Formosa. During 1946 and 1947 he was on duty in the Palaus as, I believe, the Economics Officer. From 1947 to 1949 he was an instructor at the Naval School of Island Government at Monterey. From 1949 to 1951 he served as the Civilian Administrator in the Marshall District with headquarters at Majuro. He is 38 years old, married, and so far as we know, has no children.

Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Miller, USNR, 1105/117297. Miller is now on duty at NAAS Cabiness Field, Corpus Christi, Texas. Miller is an attorney and for two years prior to his present duty was Legal Officer on Admiral Radford's staff (HICOMTERPACS). He is considered a capable officer who was thoroughly familiar with the legal, economic, and social problems of the Trust Territory. Admiral Radford knows LCDR Miller and, I believe, would approve his assignment in Washington, here, or in the field. He is 38 years old, married, and has three children.

6) Obviously we do not want any short timers for our billets and the active duty status of the Reserve should be definitely nailed down before any orders are issued.

7) In connection with orders to officers, I believe it would be profitable to order them here for further assignment since we could give them necessary briefing and could determine just what billets they would best fit into. After this, of course, we could ask for appropriate orders by dispatch.

9) After you have had a chance to study the Agreement, you may consider it advisable for an officer from our staff to come to Washington in order to iron out details. I would like your reaction on this as soon as practicable since "time is a-wasting."

The Boss had been away for a long haul, returned for a short time, and is now away again. You can surmise that I have therefore been fully employed.

With all good wishes, and hoping to hear from you as soon as may be,

As always,

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